

Tony signed up as a member of the Florida Army National Guard in late 2004, and immediately dedicated himself to the rigors of training. Assigned to the Hernando County-based 856th Quartermaster Battalion, Tony earned the Soldier of the Year award by finishing first among the Army Guard soldiers who completed a rigorous testing regimen conducted at Camp Blanding in North Florida.

Mr. Speaker, Tony's recognition shows that hard work and dedication in pursuit of a goal can indeed bring success. I congratulate him on being named the 2005 Florida Army National Guard Soldier of the Year, and wish him good luck in the upcoming first Army Southern Region National Guard Soldier of the Year competition.

TRIBUTE TO TUX AND BOOTS BALL

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the sesquicentennial of Atascosa County, which is a county in the 28th district of Texas and was founded in 1856. This year marks the 150th anniversary of Atascosa's beginnings and we will kick off a year long celebration at the annual Tux and Boots Ball on Saturday, January 28th in Pleasanton, TX.

Mr. Speaker, Atascosa County is south of San Antonio on the Rio Grande Plain region of south central Texas. The first census taken in Atascosa County was in 1860 and counted 1,578 people. Today, Atascosa County's population is at more than 43,000 residents.

The earliest schools in Atascosa County were organized around the time of the Civil War. By 1914, there were thirty-seven schools in the county. By the 1940s the school districts had begun to consolidate. The total number of persons over the age of twenty-five who had completed four years of high school rose from 1,300 in 1950 to 2,083 in 1960. In addition, the number of residents with some college rose from 395 in 1950 to 473 in 1960. By the year 2000, when the census counted 38,628 people living in Atascosa County, over 65 percent of residents age twenty-five and older had four years of high school. Agriculture, government services, and some light manufacturing are key elements of the area's economy. The largest communities in the County are Jourdanton, the county seat, and Pleasanton the county's largest town. Other communities include Poteet, Lytle, Charlotte, Christine, Leming, McCoy, and Peggy. Some of the County's wonderful attractions include the Poteet Strawberry Festival, the Jourdanton Days Celebration, and the Cowboy Homecoming and Rodeo in Pleasanton. As we look back on the last 150 years with pride, we also look forward to a promising future for Atascosa.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Atascosa County on their 150th anniversary and all of their accomplishments.

CONGRATULATING MR. ERIC R. JONES

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Eric R. Jones of Denton, Texas for receiving the prestigious Fulbright award to study abroad in Bolivia during the 2005–2006 academic year. Mr. Jones was honored with this award for his studies in Ethnomusicology at the University of North Texas.

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The program was established in 1946 with the purpose of building mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the rest of the world by allowing recipients to study, lecture or conduct research in an international exchange program.

Eric was selected on the basis of academic achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in his field.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Eric Jones on receiving this award and commend his dedication and desire to help his school, community and country.

ON REMOVAL OF NAME AS COSPONSOR OF HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 635, 636, AND 637

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, during the December recess I was surprised to read in a newspaper article that I was listed as a cosponsor of House Resolutions 635, 636 and 637 since I had not cosponsored any of these measures. I discovered that due to administrative errors, my name was mistakenly added to these bills by the Judiciary Committee staff. I never was a cosponsor of any of them but the only way to correct the committee's error under the rules of the House is to ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor even though I never asked to be added to these pieces of legislation. I could not correct these errors until the House reconvened, which is why I am taking this action today.

I have been involved in two impeachment proceedings against American Presidents. The first was in 1974, during the impeachment inquiry related to President Nixon when I served on the staff of a member of the House Judiciary Committee, Congressman Don Edwards. The second was in 1998, as a Member of the Judiciary Committee during the impeachment of President Clinton.

Impeachment of a President is provided for in the Constitution only in cases of bribery, treason or "high crimes and misdemeanors." The latter phrase had a very specific meaning to the drafters of our Constitution and was meant to include misbehavior by a President that threatened the very nature of our government. President Nixon resigned before the Congress could vote on his impeachment, but

the impeachment articles adopted by a bipartisan majority of the Judiciary Committee included behavior that was so lawless that it could threaten the very nature of the American government.

The partisan 1998 impeachment was based on personal misbehavior by the President and was, in my judgment, a misuse of the impeachment provisions in the Constitution. Use of impeachment for any reason that does not meet the standard set in the Constitution must be avoided by the Congress.

Serious questions have been raised about President Bush's actions in approving warrantless wiretaps by the NSA, as well as questions about both the Vice President's and the President's information that was provided to the Congress as the basis for the decision to initiate war in Iraq. These important questions need to be answered, and Congress should then consider the answers in a careful, deliberate and thoughtful manner. It is important that this process be done in a dispassionate way that avoids partisanship. This thorough analysis should, in my judgment, be undertaken before anything such as these resolutions are considered.

TRIBUTE TO FALLBROOK PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SERVICES

HON. DARRELL E. ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Fallbrook People to People Services on the occasion of 24 years of outstanding services to the North County San Diego community.

On January 29, 2006, Fallbrook People to People Services celebrated 24 years of providing nonprofit, volunteer run, free employment and counseling resources to underserved members of North San Diego County. The volunteers have served the community by matching citizens with needs with individuals whom can assist. As a result, over 11,300 jobs have been identified and filled.

Mr. Speaker, with the dedication of Fallbrook People to People Service volunteers, many elderly or incapacitated clients are able to find affordable home health care, housekeeping, and home maintenance assistance that they would otherwise be unable to locate. Many local businesses also take advantage of this resource to staff sales, service, office and maintenance positions. Young mothers, first time workers, and middle-aged women are given assistance to support their families and find meaningful employment in order to become self-sufficient citizens.

On the occasion of Fallbrook People to People Service's 24th anniversary, I would like to personally recognize the work of those who have served as volunteers, staff and board members of this exceptional, nonprofit organization.

TRIBUTE TO CHRIS JONES

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishment of Chris Jones, a

Texas State University senior who was recently sworn in as the newest member of the San Marcos, Texas City Council.

Mr. Speaker, Chris Jones is the first student to be elected to the San Marcos City Council in 33 years. He won the election because of his values, determination and hard work.

Chris Jones was raised in the small West Texas town of Seminole between Lubbock and Midland. He is a graduate of Seminole High School and has completed undergraduate studies in Public Administration at Texas State University.

Councilman Jones ran his campaign on the idea of a better future for San Marcos, one that includes bringing jobs into the city. His service to his community is extensive considering his age. He served as Student Body Vice President at Texas State and currently serves on the Chancellor's Advisory Board. He is an ambassador to the President of the University from the Student Foundation. He also served as President of Black Student Alliance and currently chairs the Student Chapter of the Texas State Alumni Association. On top of all of this, he has interned for Texas Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff and State Representative Patrick Rose. These achievements represent only a portion of his service, contributions that earned him an honor by the Dunbar Heritage Association in 2004 for his service to the community.

Mr. Speaker, Chris Jones is a valuable asset to San Marcos and I am proud to have him in the 28th district of Texas.

TRIBUTE TO ROBERT RAWLINGS

HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Robert Rawlings on his induction into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame.

Bob Rawlings was born in Pueblo in 1924 and bravely defended his country during the Second World War, serving in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946. With a degree from Colorado College, Bob then began a career as a reporter for the Pueblo Chieftain in 1947. His enthusiasm and passion for journalism propelled him to the position of Editor and then to President of Star-Journal Publishing Corporation in 1984.

His achievements in the field of Journalism prompted the University of Colorado to induct Bob as a "Living Legend" in 1997. The Colorado Press Association named him "Colorado Newspaper Person of the Year" in 1989 and the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce gave him the title of "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" in 1993.

While Bob is today being honored as a remarkable businessman, his name is equally synonymous with service. Always devoted to his hometown of Pueblo, over the years he has contributed generously of himself to the Colorado State University at Pueblo, and was honored in 2004 as "Volunteer of the Year" by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Even with all of this public activity, Bob is still a family man first and foremost. He and his wife Sandy have 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

Bob's story is the story of the American spirit. A spirit and life defined by a will to succeed and a desire to give back. It is also a life of service and generosity, of drive and achievement. Bob's persistence, patriotism, and devotion to business and community should serve as an example for us all.

I am honored to be a part of the induction of this great man into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame.

CELEBRATING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, today I join the Chinese community in ushering in the Lunar New Year and celebrating the Year of the Dog.

Since the earliest days of this country, people from all cultures have journeyed to our Nation seeking the promise of freedom, opportunity, and the American dream. As an integral part of our society, Chinese Americans are leaders in public service, government, science, law, education, athletics, and the arts. As business entrepreneurs, Chinese Americans are helping to strengthen our economy and our communities through their hard work and ingenuity. As patriots, Chinese Americans continue to risk their lives defending liberty.

I am pleased to help celebrate the Year of the Dog and commend those organizing events in its honor. These events promote greater understanding of the Chinese culture and society and honor not only the historical contributions of Chinese traditions, but also encourage greater awareness of the modern contributions of Chinese Americans.

As a member of the Congressional Asian Pacific Islander American Caucus, I am proud to pay tribute to the 120,000 individuals of Asian descent I represent in California's 32nd Congressional District. Residents of Rosemead, Monterey Park, Covina, West Covina, and other cities throughout my district know first hand the economic and cultural contributions of the Asian and Pacific Islander communities.

Gung Hay Fat Choy. Xin Nien Kuai Le.

IN MEMORY OF DR. CHARLES HANSON SAUNDERS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Dr. Charles Hanson Saunders, a wonderful man and a friend to the community of Denton, Texas. Dr. Saunders passed away peacefully on Monday, December 26th, 2005 at his home at the age of 90.

Dr. Saunders was born on March 17, 1915 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Frances Saunders. Born and raised in Denton, he spent his life serving our country and committing his life to continuing education and working vigorously. He became involved in the Boy Scouts of America at an early age and eventually

earned his Eagle award. He is responsible for starting the first Cub Scout den in Denton and continued to support the Boy Scouts of America throughout his lifetime.

His formal education began at North Texas State Teachers College where he earned a Bachelor of Science in 1935. Later, Dr. Saunders attended Baylor University College of Dentistry and went on to receive his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Michigan College of Dentistry in 1938.

After graduation, Dr. Charles Saunders returned to Denton and established his dental practice alongside his father. Later, he volunteered and entered the Army Air Force Dental Corps where he served his country while stationed in England during World War II with the 39200 Bomber Group. He returned and married Ms. Mabel Pearson, and they celebrated their 60th Anniversary in early 2005.

Dr. Saunders returned to his dental practice in Denton and then specialized in the practice of periodontics until his retirement in 1986.

A lifetime member of the Denton Kiwanis Club, Dr. Saunders served on the board of directors as well as on the board of directors for the Children's Clinic Trust. He received the Hixon Award from Kiwanis International for his outstanding service to the club. Additionally, he was extremely involved in the First Presbyterian Church of Denton. Over his lifetime membership, he served as a deacon and an elder. He was also a cofounder, board member and vice president of the Clear Creek Watershed Authority in Denton County. Dr. Saunders also served in leadership positions for the Flow Memorial Hospital for 10 years.

Dr. Saunders was a wonderful contributor to many local activities. His leadership and support created many opportunities for the members of his community. Today, I would like to recognize and celebrate the life of Dr. Charles H. Saunders. He was intelligent, giving and a true American. Charles leaves behind his lovely wife, Mrs. Mabel Pearson Saunders; his two children Charles P. Saunders and Gail P. Saunders; three grandchildren, Rachel Pryor, Kierstin Rusk and Nicholas Burgess; eight greatgrandchildren; and two nieces, Carolyn Thayer and Lois Hudman.

INTRODUCTION OF THE FUEL SECURITY AND CONSUMER CHOICE ACT

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, we have an opportunity to change fundamentally the relationship of the United States to energy in a way that helps the consumer, reduces pollution, reduces greenhouse gases, and reduces the need to use military force to protect oil fields in countries thousands of miles from our shores. Nearly 70 percent of all the oil we use is consumed by the transportation sector, so we must look for alternatives to imported oil for fueling our cars and trucks. Today, advances in the production of ethanol—the refining of starch, sugar and cellulose into auto fuel—have reached the point where we have an opportunity to make a huge difference in opening up the market for alternatives to gasoline. Now is the time to be bold.